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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

11 PAUL D. ETIENNE, *et al.*,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 vs.

14 ROBERT FERGUSON, in his official
15 capacity as Governor of the State of
Washington, *et al.*,

16 Defendants.

17 Case No. 3:25-cv-5461-DGE

18 **NOTICE OF APPEARANCE**

19 Please take notice that Michael E. Gates, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights
20 Division, United States Department of Justice, hereby enters his appearance as counsel for the United
States in the above-captioned matter.

1 DATED this 2nd day of July, 2025.
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Respectfully submitted,

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